

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Theodore Franklin
Wagner of Kingston.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were saddened to learn of the death of a distinguished and beloved Tennessean, Theodore F. Wagner of Kingston; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wagner will live eternally in the hearts and minds of many, as he was a selfless public servant and true friend of the Kingston and Roane County communities; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as “Ted” to all, Mr. Wagner was a native of Madison, South Dakota and was a graduate of the U.S. Army General Staff College, the U.S. Army War College, and the University of Tennessee, where he received his master’s degree in industrial management; and

WHEREAS, also a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Ted Wagner will most certainly be remembered for his distinguished military career, serving courageously with the National Guard during World War II, leading young Americans as an Army Officer from 1945 to 1949, and devoting his time and talents as a member of the Army Reserve for many years before retiring as a Colonel; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his meritorious service, Mr. Wagner was a 1978 recipient of the Army Commendation Medal as Director of the Command and General Staff Department of the 3292 Knoxville United States Army Reserve School; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his exemplary military career, Ted Wagner was a valued employee of Martin Marietta Energy Systems, Inc. of Oak Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wagner had a love of politics that spanned several decades, serving as past chairman of the Roane County Republican Party, member of the Roane County Election Commission and Councilman for the City of Kingston; and

WHEREAS, a staunch advocate of education and our public school system, Mr. Wagner gave unreservedly of himself as a volunteer and tutor at Kingston's Cherokee Elementary School and was active with the Roane County Emergency Education Assistance Association; and

WHEREAS, ever concerned about the welfare and development of our young, Ted Wagner was a great advocate of the Boy Scouts of America, donating much of his free time to the District Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wagner's contributions to organizations within his community seem virtually endless, as he was past campaign chairman for the United Way, past president of the Kingston Jaycees, an advisory board member for First American National Bank, trombone player in the Babahatchie Community Band, and exemplary member of the Kingston Rotary Club where he served as past president, past district governor, and was a Paul Harris Fellow; and

WHEREAS, members of the Christian Science Society of Oak Ridge will mourn the loss of Mr. Wagner, an active reader, devout Sunday school teacher, board member and participant on various committees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wagner leaves behind to celebrate his life, a devoted wife, Pauline; two daughters, Karen Hudson and Annette Burlet; one son, Theodore Wagner, Jr.; five grandchildren; and many other loving relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, although Ted Wagner has relinquished this life for a far better existence, he will be remembered as a widely-respected and honorable man and a great humanitarian for years to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to mourn the death while also celebrating the life of a beloved Tennessean, Mr. Theodore (Ted) F. Wagner of Kingston.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.